

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Currently Amended). A solar cell module comprising a front surface protecting layer, a rear surface protecting layer, and solar cells and a moisture-proof resin film sealed within sealing resin between the front surface protecting layer and the rear surface protecting layer, the resin film being formed between the solar cells and the front surface protecting layer,

wherein the resin film is smaller in size than an overlaying area of the front surface protecting layer and the rear surface protecting layer, and

wherein the resin film is formed to overlay an area including an array of the solar cells; and

wherein the resin film is formed so as to cover an area as large as or larger than the area of the array of the solar cells.

2. (Original) The solar cell module according to claim 1,
wherein the front surface protecting layer is a glass plate and the rear surface protecting layer is a transparent resin film.

3. (Previously Presented) The solar cell module according to claim 1,
wherein the resin film is a film which is previously heat-shrunk or a film having a heat shrinkage rate of 1.0% or lower.

4. (Previously Presented) The solar cell module according to claim 2,
wherein the rear surface protecting layer is a film which is previously heat-shrunk or a film having a heat shrinkage rate of 1.0% or lower.

5. (Original) The solar cell module according to claim 1,
wherein the resin film is formed inside from an edge of the overlaying area of both of the protecting layers.

6. (Original) The solar cell module according to claim 3,
wherein the resin film is formed inside by at least 3 mm from the edge of the overlaying area of the front surface protecting layer and the rear surface protecting layer.

7. (Currently Amended) The solar cell module according to claim 2,
wherein the resin film is overlaid on an area including at least the solar cells ~~cell~~ within the overlaying area of the front surface protecting layer and the rear surface protecting layer.

8. (Currently Amended) The solar cell module according to claim 1,
wherein the front surface protecting layer is a glass plate, the rear surface protecting layer is a metal plate, another resin film is formed between the solar cells ~~cell~~ and the rear surface protecting layer, and the resin film is overlaid on an area including

at least the solar ~~cells cell~~ and a wiring of the ~~cells cell~~ within the overlaying area of the front surface protecting layer and the rear surface protecting layer.

9. (Original) The solar cell module according to claim 8,
wherein the wiring protruded from the resin film is covered with an insulating tape.

10. (New) A solar cell module comprising a front surface protecting layer, a rear surface protecting layer, and a solar cell and a resin film sealed within sealing resin between the front surface protecting layer and the rear surface protecting layer, wherein all edges of the resin film are covered with the sealing resin,

wherein the resin film is smaller in size than an overlaying area of the front surface protecting layer and the rear surface protecting layer; and

wherein the resin film is formed so as to cover an area as large as or larger than the area of the array of the solar cells.

11. (New) The solar cell module according to claim 10,
wherein the front surface protecting layer is a glass plate and the rear surface protecting layer is a transparent resin film.

12. (New) The solar cell module according to claim 10,
wherein the resin film is a film which is previously heat-shrunk or a film having a heat shrinkage rate of 1.0% or lower.

13. (New) The solar cell module according to claim 11,
wherein the rear surface protecting layer is a film which is previously heat-shrunk or a film having a heat shrinkage rate of 1.0% or lower.

14. (New) The solar cell module according to claim 10,
wherein the resin film is formed inside from an edge of the overlaying area of both of the protecting layers.

15. (New) The solar cell module according to claim 12,
wherein the resin film is formed inside by at least 3 mm from the edge of the overlaying area of the front surface protecting layer and the rear surface protecting layer.

16. (New) The solar cell module according to claim 11,
wherein the resin film is overlaid on an area including at least the solar cell within the overlaying area of the front surface protecting layer and the rear surface protecting layer.

17. (New) The solar cell module according to claim 10,
wherein the front surface protecting layer is a glass plate, the rear surface protecting layer is a metal plate, another resin film is formed between the solar cell and the rear surface protecting layer, and the resin film is overlaid on an area including at

least the solar cell and a wiring of the cell within the overlaying area of the front surface protecting layer and the rear surface protecting layer.

18. (New) The solar cell module according to claim 17,
wherein the wiring protruded from the resin film is covered with an insulating tape.